

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:)	MAIL STOP APPEAL BRIEF - PATENTS
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Application No.: 10/720,920)	Examiner: H. Patel
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Filed: November 24, 2003)	
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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR)	
NOTIFICATION OF CALL TO)	
DEVICE)	

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated May 28, 2008,

Appellants submit the following remarks:

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REMARKS

In the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief, dated May 28, 2008, the Examiner indicates that the Appeal Brief, filed April 18, 2008, does not identify the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function for every means plus function and step plus function for each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately by reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters, as required by 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v). Specifically, the Examiner states that the Appeal Brief does not provide support for features of claims 1 and 10.

In response, Appellants request that the Summary of Claimed Subject Matter section be replaced with the following Summary of Claimed Subject Matter section that includes changes with respect to claims 1 and 10:

V. **SUMMARY OF THE CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER**

Each of the independent claims involved in this appeal is recited below, followed in parenthesis by examples of where support can be found in the specification and drawings for the claimed subject matter. In addition, each dependent claim argued separately below is also summarized in a similar manner.

Claim 1 recites: A method for providing a notification to a preferred communication device of a plurality of communication devices associated with a user, wherein each of the communication devices can be designated as the preferred communication device, the method comprising: receiving, at a server, a notification from one of the communication devices indicating that incoming data has been received at the one communication device (e.g., 710, 720,

Fig. 7; page 39, lines 1-8); transmitting the received notification to the preferred communication device (e.g., 770, Fig. 7; page 39, lines 9-13); and receiving, at the server, a selection, made by the user, of another one of the communication devices for which notifications are to be transmitted to the preferred communication device (e.g., page 6, lines 5-8; page 19, line 15 – page 20, line 3; page 23, line 20 – page 24, line 2; and page 26, lines 1-10).

Claim 4 recites: The method of claim 1, further comprising: receiving, at the server, a selection, made by the user, of a time period during which notifications are to be transmitted to the preferred communication device (e.g., page 33, lines 4-12).

Claim 9 recites: The method of claim 1, wherein the notification is a SMS message (e.g., page 8, line 22 – page 9, line 2).

Claim 10 recites: An apparatus for providing a notification to a preferred communication device of a plurality of communication devices which may be used by a user to initiate and receive communications, the apparatus comprising: a server (e.g., 406, Fig. 5) configured to: receive a notification from one of the communication devices indicating that incoming data has been received at the one communication device (e.g., 710, 720, Fig. 7; page 39, lines 1-8); transmit the notification to the preferred communication device, the notification including an identification of the type of the incoming data (e.g., 770, Fig. 7; page 34, line 20 – page 35, line 5; page 39, lines 9-13); and receive a selection, made by the user, of another one of the communication devices for which notifications are to be transmitted to the preferred communication device (e.g., page 6, lines 5-8; page 19, line 15 – page 20, line 3; page 23, line 20 – page 24, line 2; and page 26, lines 1-10).

Claim 12 recites: The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the database indicates times during which notifications are to be transmitted to the preferred communication device (e.g., page 33, lines 4-12).

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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